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FOR LORTON FROM ERICKSEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MAN-EATING TIGER

1. SEIDENSTICKER HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT AND WORLD WILDLIFE FUND OF INDIA TO COME TO INDIA TO IMMOBILIZE MAN-EATING TIGER IN SUNDERBANS. IN ORDER TO IMMOBILIZE TIGER, WHICH IS PRESENTLY TERRORIZING VILLAGES, SEIDENSTICKER WILL NEED CAPTURE GUN, DRUG AND DARTS. SEIDENSTICKER WAS TODAY REFUSED USE OF ABOVE EQUIPMENT BY KIRTI TAMANG, WHO WILL NOT RELEASE EQUIPMENT UNTIL AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED FROM SMITHSONIAN. SEIDENSTICKER WOULD NEED USE OF EQUIPMENT FOR ANYWHERE FROM SEVERAL DAYS TO MAXIMUM OF TWO WEEKS DEPENDING ON SITUATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT WILLIAM EILERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SMITHSONIAN OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, TO ASCERTAIN IF EQUIPMENT CAN BE RELEASED TO SEIDENSTICKER. IN ABSENCE SUCH RELEASE, SEIDENSTICKER WILL HAVE TO INFORM INDIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND WORLD WILDLIFE FUND OFFICIALS IN INDIA THAT HE IS UNABLE PROCEED TO INDIA TO IMMOBILIZE TIGER DUE INABILITY OBTAIN NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. IF EILERS ABLE RELEASE EQUIPMENT, WE REQUEST HE SEND IMMEDIATE CABLE CARE OF ERICKSEN, AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHO WILL NOTIFY TAMANG.

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